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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 519
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Mrs. Betty Carey on being named the First Lady of Loudon County 2001 by the Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those citizens who through their many endeavors are a credit to their respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Mrs. Betty Carey, who was recently named this year's First Lady of Loudon County by the Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this honor, Mrs. Carey was presented with the First Lady cup at the organization's annual luncheon on Saturday, May 12, 2001 at the Tellico Village Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, Chosen for her devotion to her community, the local schools, and to her church, the Loudon United Methodist Church, Mrs. Carey has been recognized as "a visionary";

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as stated by her pastor, the Reverend Bruce Galyon, Betty "...comes with ideas and dreams for our church...and thanks to the generosity of a lot of people they've become a reality"; and

WHEREAS, Within a few weeks of her new pastor's arrival, she had pointed out to him where all the shut-ins of the church lived; and

WHEREAS, Her many honors and accolades aside, Mrs. Carey is most appreciative of the love and companionship that she shares with her devoted husband, Ham, as they are the proud parents of sons, Sam and Bo, and grandparents of Rachel Bess; and

WHEREAS, The Careys are the epitome of good neighbors, highly respected citizens of Loudon, and they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, The year 2001 has been a good one for Betty and Ham as they will also be celebrating their golden anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Taking her new title in stride, Mrs. Carey stated, "If it hadn't been for Ham being involved in so many activities I might not have been noticed, so I consider this a family honor"; Mr. Carey jokingly refers to himself now as the "First Husband" of the First Lady; and

WHEREAS, Since 1961, the Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has been honoring women in the Loudon County community for their many contributions to their community, and Betty is most certainly one such individual who is deserving of being honored as the 2001 First Lady of Loudon County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mrs. Betty Carey on being selected as the 2001 First Lady of Loudon County and extend to her our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.